GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EFFECT OF LIQUOR
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have studied the ill-effects of Liquor products on health; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to discourage its use?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)
(a)&(b) The De-addiction Centre, AIIMS has carried out several studies on health damage due to excess alcohol consumption over several years. There is published literature to indicate that excessive consumption of alcohol can lead to diseases like cirrhosis of Liver, hyper-tension, cardiac and sexual dysfunctions, Neuro-phychological dis-orders etc., There are well established in-patients and out-patients treatment services available for alcohol de-addiction in Central Govt. Hospitals like AIIMS, Dr. RML Hospital & LHMC & Associated Hospitals etc. In these Centres, Pharmacological, behavioural and psychotherapeutictreatment are being provided to the patients who are simultaneously also discouraged to consume alcohol. The de-addiction centre of AIIMS, besides providing treatment to affected individuals also undertake health education measures to discourage intake of alcohol.